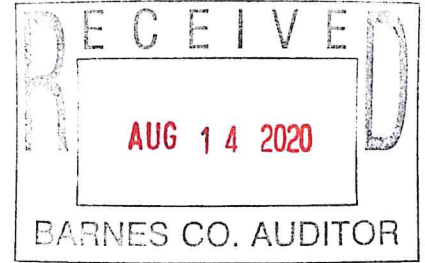


BARNES COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of Meeting
July 8th, 2020
Tree Shed
Valley City, ND 58072



Board Members Present:

Diane Olson
Pete Paulson
Bob Bruns
Shelly Nelson

Others:
Jason Elston
Rani Lloyd DC
Jill Olson, Clerk

The July meeting was called to order by Bruns at 8:10 am at the Tree Shed Building in Valley City, ND. Minutes from the June 10th, 2020 board meeting were reviewed, Bruns declared those minutes approved as presented.

FINANCIALS:

A list of receipts and bills paid during June 2020, were reviewed by the Board. Paulson made a motion to accept the June 2020 financial statement as presented with Olson seconding it. All in favor aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Reviewed the letter from Cass Co Electric and the Eco Ed Donation
2. The ND Whitetail Buck Tag raffle tickets are due back to Lincoln Oakes on July 22.

Office Report: Rani Lloyd, DC reviewed her attached report, see report. The office is still not open to the public. We are at Phase II. Austin Lang from Pheasants Forever was supposed to visit and talk to the board about his programs. He will have to reschedule. Rani went over the Civil Rights Partner Checklist and had the board sign.

Technician Report: Jason reviewed his attached report, see report. There was a lot of discussion about updating our tractor. Jason will be contacting different dealerships to figure out prices and options. The pickup will be going to the shop in Fargo for repairs.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clausen Springs – Jason will talk with Greg this week. Need numbers from Andre – VCSU.
- 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None at this time.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12th, 2020. The locations to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Jill Olson, Sec/Treas.
Approved 08.12.2020

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NRCS Activity Report to the
Barnes County Soil Conservation District Board

July 8, 2020

By: Rani Lloyd—District Conservationist

PROGRAMS:

EQIP:

- Prairie Pothole Water Quality & Wildlife Program
 - One application was preapproved.
 - ND requested more funding.

CSP:

- Our application was not funded.

WRE/WRP:

- Had two preapprovals from previous year. Only ten were funded throughout the state.
- Completing status reviews on existing contracts.

Waterbank:

- Working on completing rankings on eight of the high priority applications.

CRP

- Completing spot checks and status reviews.

Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist

Office Update:

- We are in Phase 2 of re-opening.
- Austin Lang was hired by Pheasants Forever as a Precision Ag and Conservation Specialist.
 - Their program area includes Barnes County.

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Technician Report June/July 2020

- **Trees:**
 - Planted 15 total sites with 1 cancellation
 - Planned Footage- 62,105ft ____ Planted Footage-58,106ft
 - Completed last day of weed barrier installation on June 17, 2020
 - All tree plans are completed and all OHF pay applications have been mailed to producers for signatures.
 - Tree sale was done totally through phone calls to interested people who contacted me throughout the planting season. It went very well.
- **Parks and Recs Grant:**
 - Grant for Riparian Park was finalized, and all contracts signed. Have received an updated quote for park restroom facility from Missoula Concrete. Quote was roughly \$500 more than initial quote from 3/7/19. Project may be delayed until spring of 2021 due to availability of contractor building and delivering facility.
- **Clausen Springs Dam Watershed 319 grant:**
 - Will be contacting Greg Sandness and moving forward with grant.
- **Tractor/GPS**
 - Talked with several people from Case, Cat and John Deere. Currently Wade Bruns checking to see if any steering is compatible with Compass at speeds less than ½ mph. Possibly Ez Pilot Pro (Trimble)? Also, Calvin Dieter (Deere) looking into what JD has to offer and looking at upgrading tractor if Autosteer can be integrated into smaller tractor hydraulic steering. According to Frank Miller (Case) even with EZ Pro would have to be totally customized to our tractor. Could be \$10k or more and yearly subscription of \$1,100.00.
 - If we move forward with autosteer, do we update tractor? Current tractor is 2000 Case C50 with 2250hrs.